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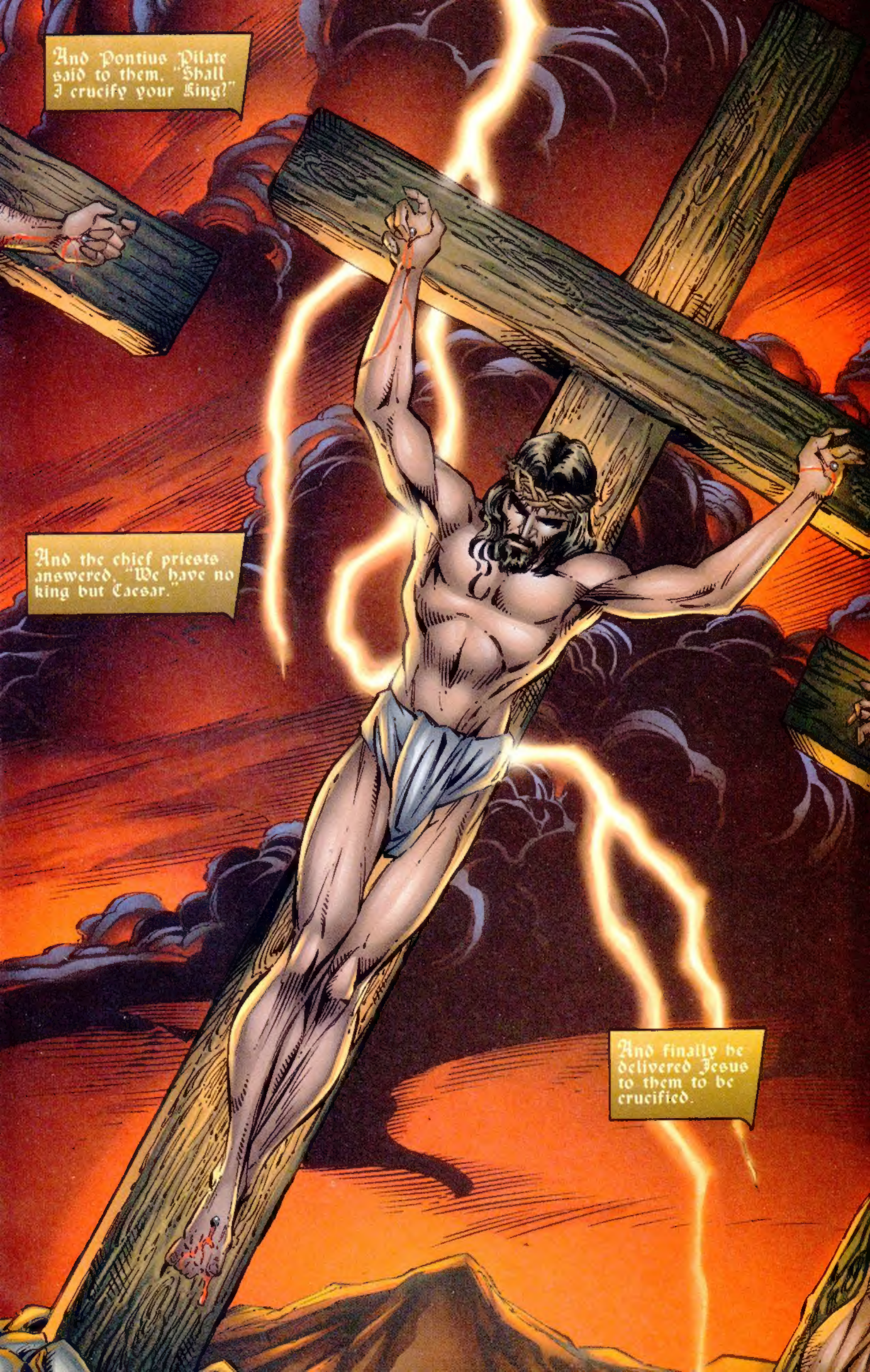
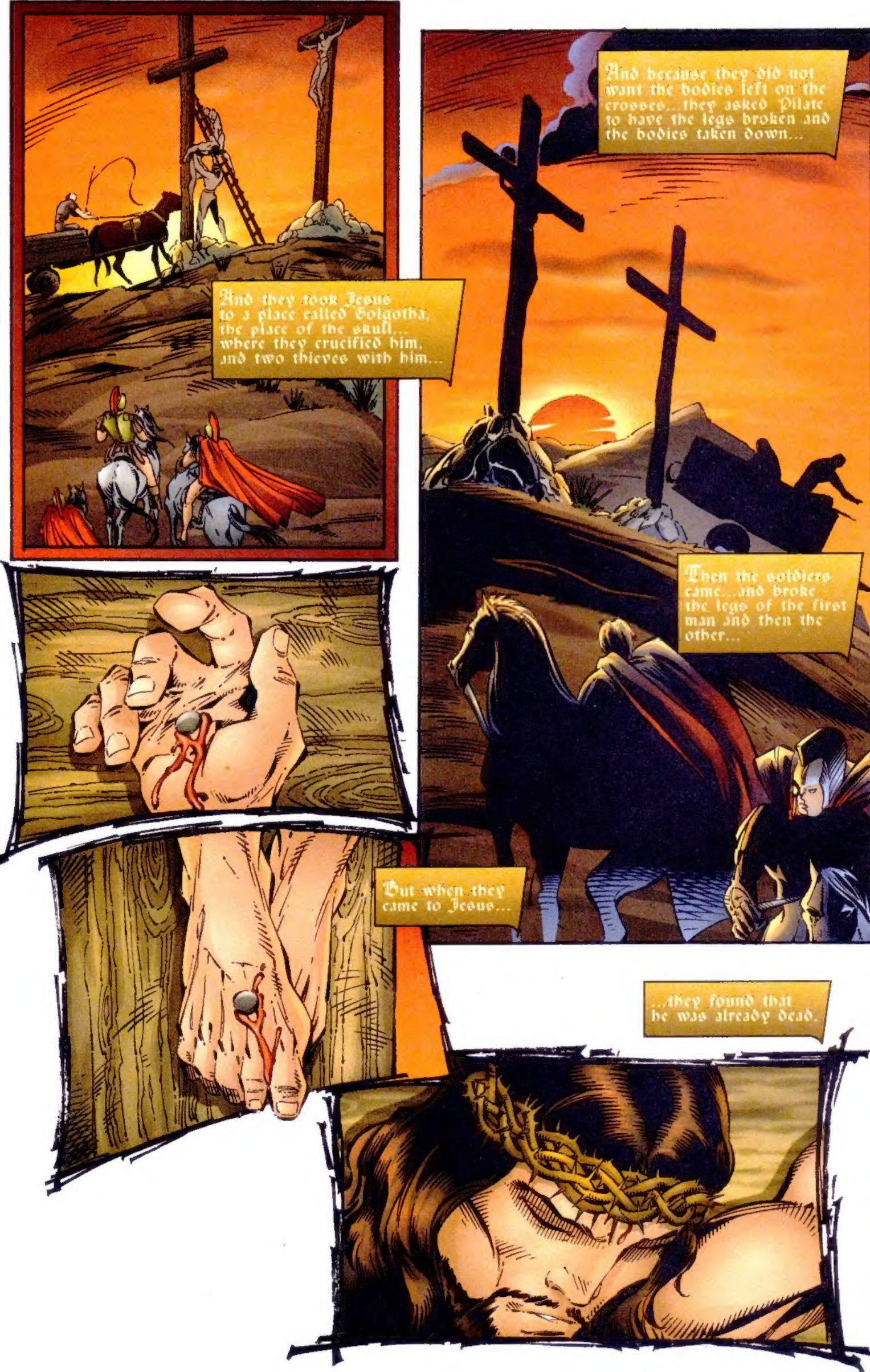
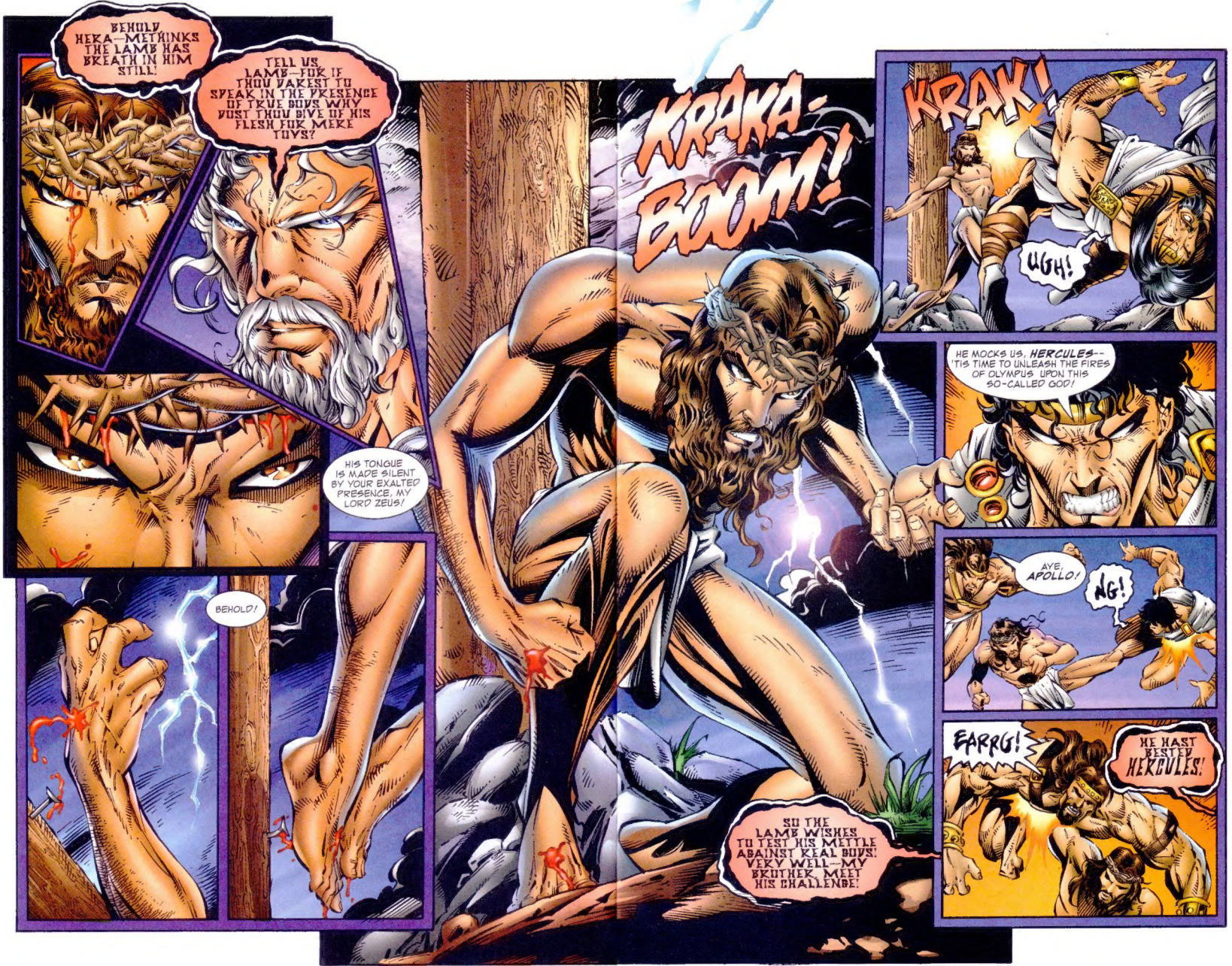
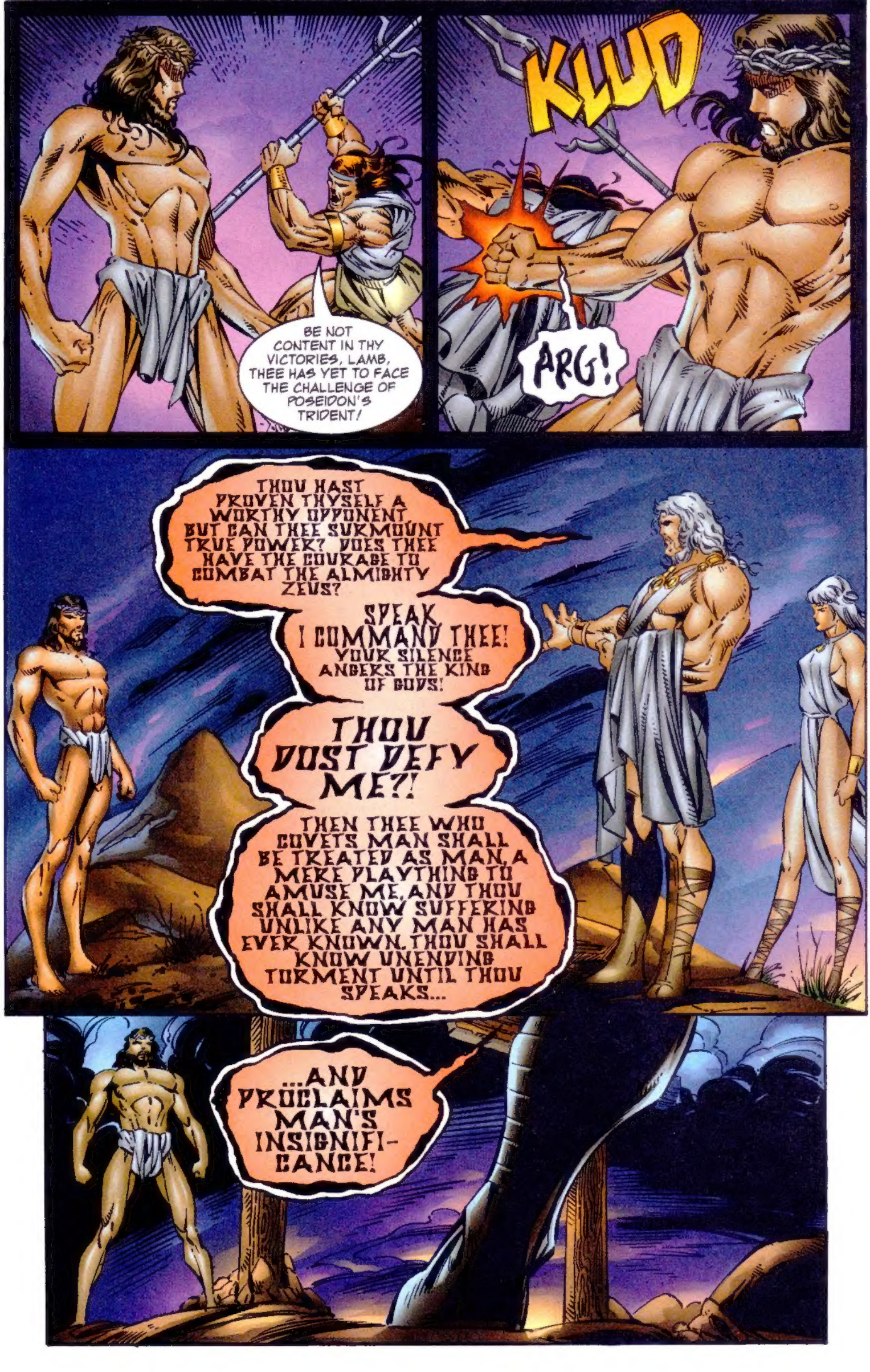

And Pontius Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?"
And the chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."
And finally he delivered Jesus to them to be crucified.

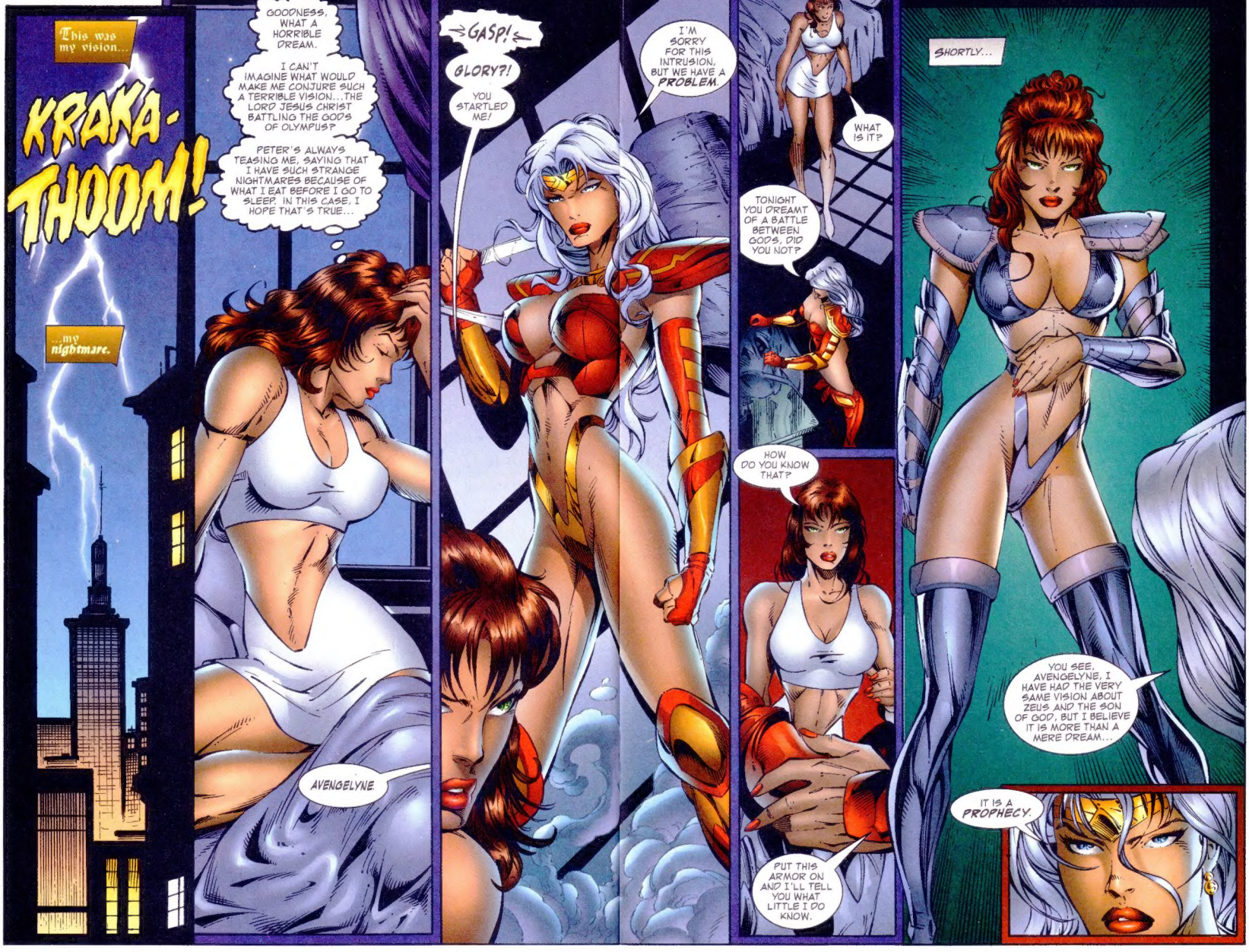

And they took Jesus to a place called Golgotha, the place of the skull... where they crucified him, and two thieves with him...
And because they did not want the bodies left on the crosses... they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down...
Then the soldiers came... and broke the legs of the first man and then the other...
But when they came to Jesus...
...they found that he was already dead.

But that was not the end...
KRAKA-THOOM
BEHOLD, MT. OLYMPUS!
LET US GAZE UPON THIS PATHETIC CREATURE WHO CALLS HIMSELF A GOD!
ALMIGHTY ZEUS--IF HE IS A GOD, WHY DOST HE ALLOW HIMSELF TO SUFFER AT THE WHIM OF MANKIND?
BECAUSE HE IS A FOOL, APOLLO--A FOOL WHO COVETS MAN AS A FATHER COVETS HIS CHILDREN.
COVETS, MY HUSBAND?
AYE, HERA--HIS BLOOD AND HIS FLESH HAVE BEEN SACRIFICED TO ATONE FOR THEIR SINS.
AN HONOR THEY ARE HARDLY DESERVING OF.


BEHOLD HEKA—METHINKS THE LAMB HAS BREATH IN HIM STILL!
TELL US, LAMB—FOR IF THOU DAREST TO SPEAK IN THE PRESENCE OF TRUE GODS WHY MUST THOU GIVE OF HIS FLESH FOR MEKE TOYS?
HIS TONGUE IS MADE SILENT BY YOUR EXALTED PRESENCE, MY LORD ZEUS!
BEHOLD!
KRAKA-BOOM!
SO THE LAMB WISHES TO TEST HIS METTLE AGAINST REAL GODS! VERY WELL—MY BROTHER, MEET HIS CHALLENGE!
KRAK!
UGH!
HE MOCKS US, HERCULES-- 'TIS TIME TO UNLEASH THE FIRES OF OLYMPUS UPON THIS SO-CALLED GOD!
AYE, APOLLO!
NG!
EARRG!
HE HAST BESTED HERCULES!


BE NOT CONTENT IN THY VICTORIES, LAMB, THEE HAS YET TO FACE THE CHALLENGE OF POSEIDON'S TRIDENT!
KLUD
ARG!
THOU HAST PROVEN THYSELF A WORTHY OPPONENT BUT CAN THEE SURMOUNT TRUE POWER? DOES THEE HAVE THE COURAGE TO COMBAT THE ALMIGHTY ZEUS?
SPEAK I COMMAND THEE! YOUR SILENCE ANGERS THE KING OF GODS!
THOU DOST DEFY ME?!
THEN THEE WHO COVETS MAN SHALL BE TREATED AS MAN, A MERE PLAYTHING TO AMUSE ME, AND THOU SHALL KNOW SUFFERING UNLIKE ANY MAN HAS EVER KNOWN. THOU SHALL KNOW UNENDING TORMENT UNTIL THOU SPEAKS...
...AND PROCLAIMS MAN'S INSIGNIFI-CANCE!

NEVER!
SO THY TONGUE REMAINS!
THOU SHALT USE IT! RENOUNCE MAN AND THOU SHALL BE SPARED MY WRATH!
But the Lord Jesus Christ would not speak again...
KRAKA-BOOM!
...the only sound that could be heard were screams of thunder...

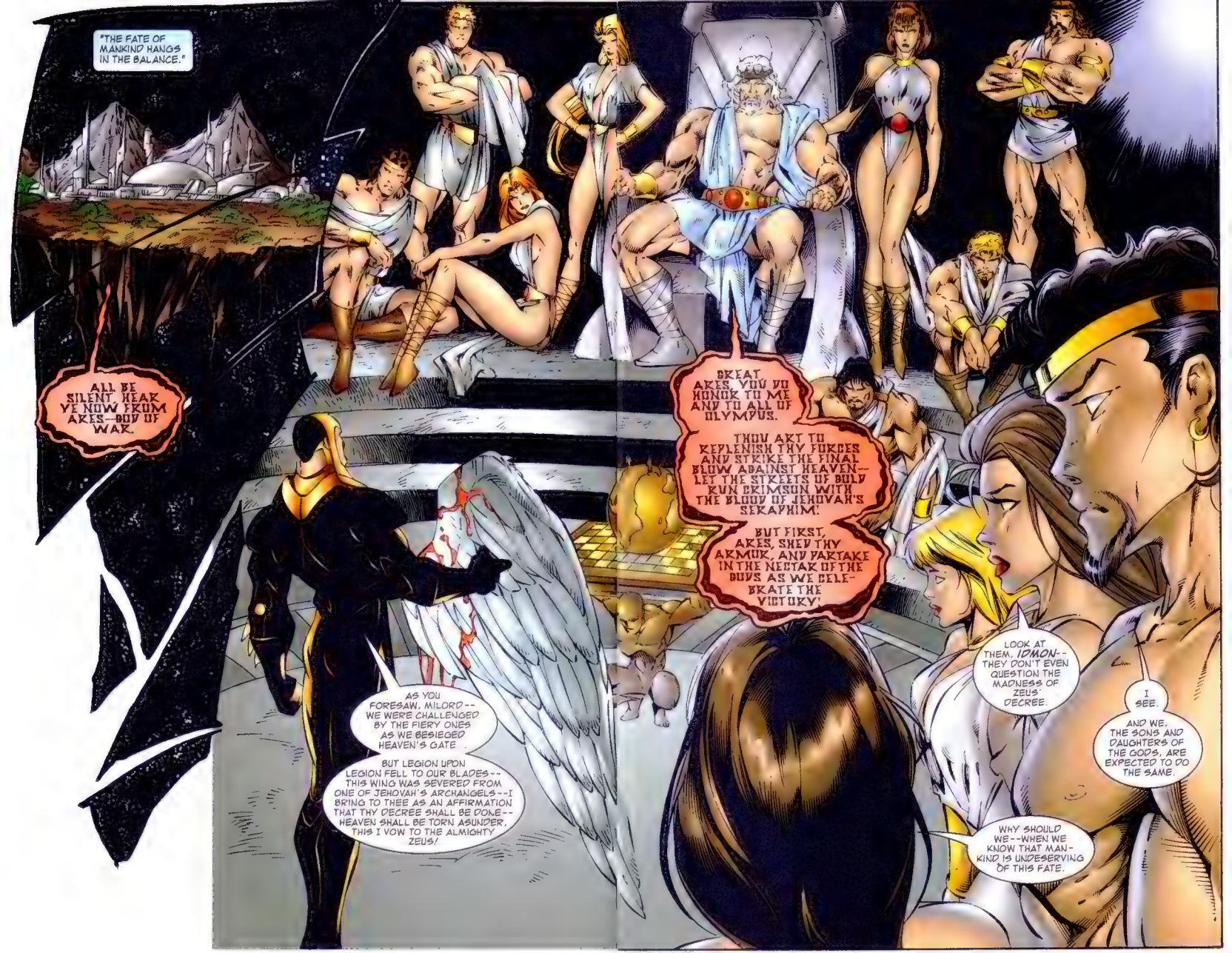

This was my vision...
KRAKA-THOOM!
...my nightmare.
GOODNESS, WHAT A HORRIBLE DREAM.
I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT WOULD MAKE ME CONJURE SUCH A TERRIBLE VISION...THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BATTLING THE GODS OF OLYMPUS?
PETER'S ALWAYS TEASING ME, SAYING THAT I HAVE SUCH STRANGE NIGHTMARES BECAUSE OF WHAT I EAT BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP. IN THIS CASE, I HOPE THAT'S TRUE...
AVENGELYNE.
⇒GASP!⇐
GLORY?!
YOU STARTLED ME!
I'M SORRY FOR THIS INTRUSION, BUT WE HAVE A PROBLEM.
WHAT IS IT?
TONIGHT YOU DREAMT OF A BATTLE BETWEEN GODS, DID YOU NOT?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
PUT THIS ARMOR ON AND I'LL TELL YOU WHAT LITTLE I DO KNOW.
SHORTLY...
YOU SEE, AVENGELYNE, I HAVE HAD THE VERY SAME VISION ABOUT ZEUS AND THE SON OF GOD. BUT I BELIEVE IT IS MORE THAN A MERE DREAM...
IT IS A PROPHECY.

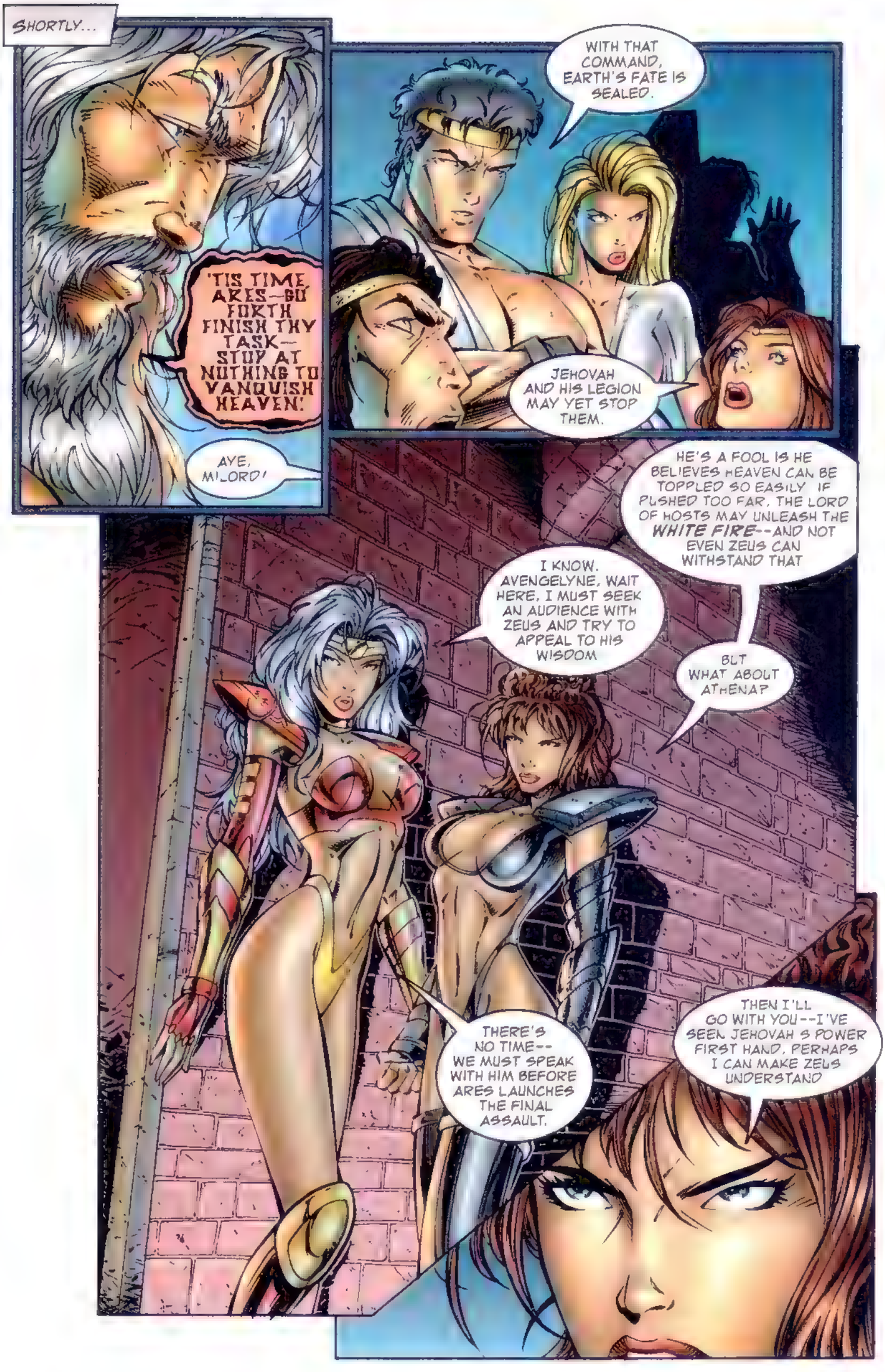
WHEN I CONSULTED MY MOTHER, SHE TOLD ME TO COME HERE TONIGHT AND BRING YOU BACK TO AMAZONIA. THERE WE WILL LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS FOREBODING VISION.
BUT COME...TIME GROWS SHORT.
INTO THE CLOSET?
TO TRAVEL TO MY LAND WE MUST TRAVERSE A DIMENSIONAL VORTEX CALLED THE SLIP-- WATER IS ONE OF THE GATEWAYS...
"AS IS SHADOW."

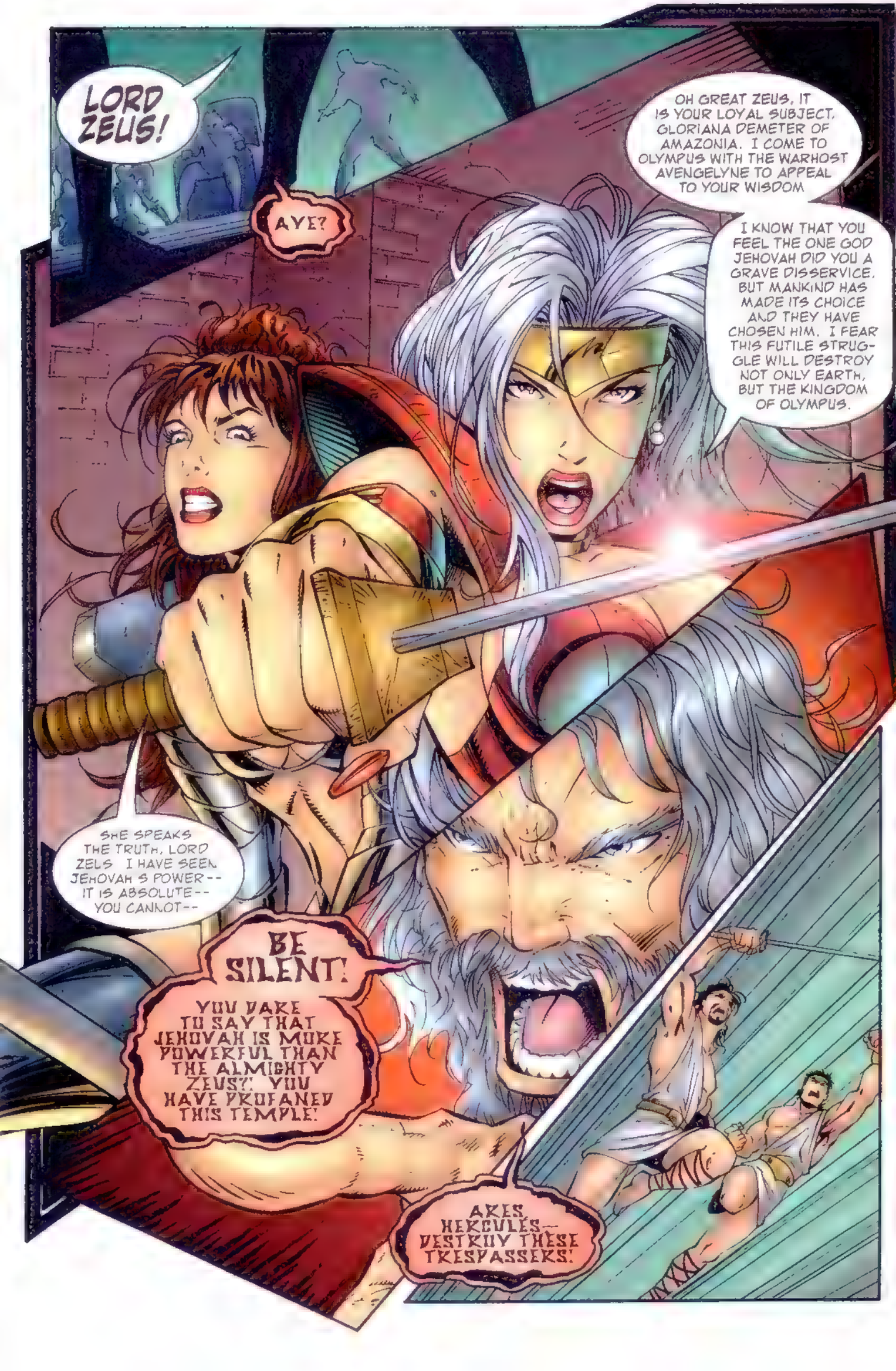
YOUR LAND SEEMS UNCHANGED FROM THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE.*
*See the beginning of Glory / Avengelyne--MATT.
AMAZONIA IS UNAFFECTED BY THE PASSAGE OF TIME, AS ARE THE ELEMENTS WHICH CREATED IT.
GLORY-- AT LAST YOU'RE HERE!
MOTHER!

AVENGELYNE--I AM LADY DEMETER, MATRIARCH OF THIS LAND I BID YOU WELCOME
THANK YOU
MOTHER--HAVE YOU LEARNED ANYTHING SINCE I LEFT TO GET AVENGELYNE?
YES, CHILD. AND THE NEWS IS GRIM TO SAY THE LEAST THE WAR HAS ALREADY BEGUN--HEAVEN'S WARHOST IS BATTLING ARES AS WE SPEAK
WHAT?!
I FEAR IT'S TRUE. AVENGELYNE ACTUALLY THE IMPETUS OF THIS WAR OCCURRED LONG AGO AFTER THE GODS OF MOUNT OLYMPUS FELL OUT OF FAVOR WITH MANKIND
ZEUS, WHOSE ARROGANCE WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO BELIEVE THAT HUMANITY HAD OUTGROWN HIM CAME TO BELIEVE THAT THE ONE TRUE GOD JEHOVAH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANKIND'S CHANGE OF HEART
AFTER THE SON OF GOD WALKED UPON THE EARTH ZEUS KNEW HE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO REGAIN MAN'S FAVOR--AND THIS INFURIATED HIM
ZEUS HAS ALWAYS SEEN MANKIND AS INSIGNIFICANT PIECES ON A CELESTIAL GAMEBOARD--HE DOESN'T LOVE THEM AS JEHOVAH DOES
SO ZEUS IS SEEKING REVENGE AGAINST GOD
THAT IS ONLY PART OF IT ZEUS WISHES TO ELIMINATE JEHOVAH SO CAN REASSERT HIS AUTHORITY OVER MANKIND AND MAYBE EVEN THE UNIVERSE ITSELF

WE MUST STOP HIM, MOTHER.
BUT AREN'T YOUR PEOPLE SWORN TO FOLLOW THE GODS?
IT IS TRUE WE ARE THE DAUGHTERS OF ATHENA, BUT THIS SENSELESS AGGRESSION WILL HAVE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES, NOT ONLY FOR EARTH, BUT ALL CREATURES
WE KNOW OF THE GODS, BUT I FEAR WE ARE IGNORANT TO THE WAYS OF JEHOVAH. YOU COULD BE A GREAT HELP TO US, AVENGELYNE
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, OF COURSE.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO FIRST, MOTHER?
YOU MUST GO TO MOUNT OLYMPUS ITSELF AND SEEK THE COUNCIL OF ATHENA
IF OUR MOTHER GODDESS CAN BE CONVINCED TO JOIN OUR CAUSE, IT WILL CARRY MUCH WEIGHT WITH THE OTHERS
GO FORTH, MY CHILDREN, AND REMEMBER. .


"THE FATE OF MANKIND HANGS IN THE BALANCE."
ALL BE SILENT, HEAR YE NOW FROM AKES--BOY OF WAR.
GREAT AKES, YOU DO HONOR TO ME AND TO ALL OF OLYMPUS.
THOU ART TO REPLENISH THY FORCES AND STRIKE THE FINAL BLOW AGAINST HEAVEN--LET THE STREETS OF BOLD RUN CRIMSON WITH THE BLOOD OF JEHOVAH'S SERAPHIM!
BUT FIRST, AKES, SHED THY ARMOR, AND PARTAKE IN THE NECTAR OF THE GODS AS WE CELEBRATE THE VICTORY!
AS YOU FORESAW, MILORD--WE WERE CHALLENGED BY THE FIERY ONES AS WE BESIEGED HEAVEN'S GATE
BUT LEGION UPON LEGION FELL TO OUR BLADES--THIS WING WAS SEVERED FROM ONE OF JEHOVAH'S ARCHANGELS--I BRING TO THEE AS AN AFFIRMATION THAT THY DECREE SHALL BE DONE--HEAVEN SHALL BE TORN ASUNDER, THIS I VOW TO THE ALMIGHTY ZEUS!
LOOK AT THEM, IDMON--THEY DON'T EVEN QUESTION THE MADNESS OF ZEUS' DECREE.
I SEE.
AND WE, THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE GODS, ARE EXPECTED TO DO THE SAME.
WHY SHOULD WE--WHEN WE KNOW THAT MANKIND IS UNDESERVING OF THIS FATE.


SHORTLY...
'TIS TIME, ARES--GO FORTH FINISH THY TASK--STOP AT NOTHING TO VANQUISH HEAVEN!
AYE, MI_LORD!
WITH THAT COMMAND, EARTH'S FATE IS SEALED.
JEHOVAH AND HIS LEGION MAY YET STOP THEM.
HE'S A FOOL IS HE BELIEVES HEAVEN CAN BE TOPPLED SO EASILY IF PUSHED TOO FAR, THE LORD OF HOSTS MAY UNLEASH THE WHITE FIRE--AND NOT EVEN ZEUS CAN WITHSTAND THAT
I KNOW. AVENGELYNE, WAIT HERE, I MUST SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH ZEUS AND TRY TO APPEAL TO HIS WISDOM
BUT WHAT ABOUT ATHENA?
THERE'S NO TIME--WE MUST SPEAK WITH HIM BEFORE ARES LAUNCHES THE FINAL ASSAULT.
THEN I'LL GO WITH YOU--I'VE SEEN JEHOVAH'S POWER FIRST HAND. PERHAPS I CAN MAKE ZEUS UNDERSTAND


LORD ZEUS!
AYE?
OH GREAT ZEUS, IT IS YOUR LOYAL SUBJECT, GLORIANA DEMETER OF AMAZONIA. I COME TO OLYMPUS WITH THE WARHOST AVENGELYNE TO APPEAL TO YOUR WISDOM
I KNOW THAT YOU FEEL THE ONE GOD JEHOVAH DID YOU A GRAVE DISSERVICE, BUT MANKIND HAS MADE ITS CHOICE AND THEY HAVE CHOSEN HIM. I FEAR THIS FUTILE STRUGGLE WILL DESTROY NOT ONLY EARTH, BUT THE KINGDOM OF OLYMPUS.
SHE SPEAKS THE TRUTH, LORD ZEUS I HAVE SEEN JEHOVAH S POWER-- IT IS ABSOLUTE-- YOU CANNOT--
BE SILENT!
YOU DARE TO SAY THAT JEHOVAH IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ALMIGHTY ZEUS?! YOU HAVE PROFANED THIS TEMPLE!
ARES, HERCULES— DESTROY THESE TRESPASSERS!

KLANK!
THOU SHOULD HAVE KEPT THY PLACE, AMAZONIAN!
YOU BROUGHT THIS CONFLICT UPON YOURSELF, LORD ARES!
THE DAUGHTERS OF PARADISE HAD NO QUARREL WITH THE GODS!
CHUD
THOU WILL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT, IF YE WISH TO BEST THE GOD OF WAR!
DON'T STRUGGLE, FOR NONE CAN DEFY THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES!
AYE, YE ARE INDEED A BEAUTIFUL WENCH. YE WOULD FIND MY BEDCHAMBER A PREFERABLE ARENA!
NO--
THANK YOU!

YE SPURN HERCULES?!
THEN SUFFER THEY FATE!
SMASH!
RMMBL!
HERCULES, YOU FOOL! DO YOU WISH TO UNDO MOUNT OLYMPUS ITSELF!
A FISSURE HAS OPENED WHERE HERCULES STRUCK THE GROUND!

THE PERFECT RESTING PLACE FOR THE GOD OF WAR!
HOOO!
SHE FELLED ARES! THESE CHAMPIONS MAY BE JUST THE ONES WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
YE FORGET THAT I AM A DEMI-GOD! THOUGH MY MOTHER WAS MORTAL--
MY FATHER WAS ZEUS!
SO THOU ARE JEHOVAH'S ANGEL? 'TIS NO WONDER THE PEARLY GATES OF HEAVEN ARE SO POORLY DEFENDED.
Uhhhh...

NOW YE SHALL FOREVER KNOW THE MIGHT OF HERCULES!
NO!
KLUD
NOW YOU SHALL KNOW THE MIGHT OF AMAZONIA--BORN FROM THE BLOOD OF OUR GODDESS ATHENA!
WHOOSH!
WHOA!
GASP!
CRASH
THESE ARE INDEED THE CHAMPIONS WE HAVE SOUGHT FOR SO LONG.
YES, THEY ARE JUST THE ONES WE NEED TO STOP ZEUS.

THANK YOU, GLORY--I'M ALL RIGHT...I THINK.
HERCULES IS THE SON OF ZEUS AND FORMIDABLE OPPONENT!
AMAZONIAN WENCH! YOU WHO SHARE THE BLOOD OF ATHENA HAVE PROFANED OLYMPUS! YOU HAVE EARNED THE ULTIMATE PUNISHMENT—LET YOUR MOTHER WEEP AT THE LOSS OF HER ONLY DAUGHTER!
JOIN MY BROTHER HADES IN THE WORLD BELOW!
KRAKA BOOM!
FZZAK
NO!
AVENGELYNE...?
NO...NO, IT CAN'T BE...
"SHE'S DEAD."
TO BE CONTINUED!